

The Hijri Calendar and the Lost Month of Ramadan

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welcome to the channel of know the truth today we're going to talk about a topic that is quite important to every muslim in search of the truth the topic is is the hidden calendar that we are using today the same as the one that was used at the time of the prophet peace be upon him we're going to show you how the arabic lunar months were attached to the seasons and they did not shift across the seasons like they shift now and you will see that the month of ramadan used to come in the most moderate time of the year where the day is neither too long nor too short the weather is not too hot nor too cold in both the northern and the southern hemisphere we're going to explain this topic in a simplified way so that everyone can understand it and i would recommend if possible that you do further research and the references to all the researchers the teachers who worked on this topic will be in the description below however most of the references are in arabic so before we begin here's an outline of what we're going to talk about we're going to first start with a few questions we'll then present the problem we'll explain the meaning of calendar adjustments then we'll talk about the hijri calendar how it was and how it became then we're going to mention evidence from the quran that evidence from the names of the lunar months than evidence from islamic literature and history then we're going to close with the conclusion and the solution so let's begin now so let's start by asking a few questions that will you know stimulate our minds and get us to think about the answers to these questions why is it that the hijri lunar calendar is the only calendar amongst all other calendars that use the lunar months it's the only calendar in which its months shift across the seasons and keep in mind that the muslims and the arabs were not the only ones to use the lunar months it's been used by the hebrews by the chinese and other civilizations but we are the only ones who have months that shift across the seasons you can never tell which season each month is going to come in because they keep on changing year after year as they shift 11 days backwards why is it that we muslims are the only ones who are not able to use our calendar for any practical uses other than knowing when ramadan comes or when the eid comes is the hardship that many muslims face during ramadan when they fast for nearly 20 hours or in temperatures that exceed 45 degrees centigrade is that hardship fitting with the verse of the quran that says allah wants ease for you and does not want hardship for you and keep in mind that verse is attached to the verse of fasting are the medical problems especially kidney problems that befall many muslims who fast in extreme weather conditions like an extreme heat specifically are these medical problems fitting with the saying of the prophet peace be upon him fast and you will become more healthy have you heard of any muslims who have given up on fasting altogether as the month of ramadan started coming into the summer months is it because they don't have enough faith or is it that allah is asking too much of us but allah reveals in the quran that he has chosen you and has not placed upon you any hardship in the religion is it fair

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and fitting with divine justice that when ramadan comes into the summer time in the northern hemisphere that some people fast for 20 hours while other peoples in the southern hemisphere fast for only eight hours and of course you might say well this is going to be reversed when ramadan comes into the winter in the northern hemisphere but this happens in a cycle of 32 years which can be a lifetime for some people and some people justify that by saying that you know allah wants the months to shift across the seasons and wants ramadan to shift across the seasons so he can test us in fasting in this heat and fasting in the cold and fasting in the spring fasting long hours and short hours and this is something widely said in the community which is kind of a justification after the fact and there is no saying of the prophet peace be upon him or any verse in the quran that gives that as a reason in fact the quran mentions that allah wants feast for you and this is with regards to fasting my brothers and sisters there is a problem in the history calendar that we are using today we think that this is the same calendar that was used in the time of the prophet peace be upon him yes the months are the same but there is something missing and that missing thing is called the leap month evidence point to the fact that the lunar months of the hatred calendar did not shift across the seasons during the time of the prophet peace be upon him in fact most of these months have seasonal names we will go over the evidence of this during this video all calendars whether they were solar calendars or based on the lunar months have the need for what is called a correction or an adjustment that correction or adjustment is required to deal with a problem that all calendars have and that is the problem of fractions let's take the current gregorian calendar we're all using today this calendar calculates a year as 365 days now that is the time it takes for the earth to make one revolution around the sun but the actual time it takes for the earth to revolve around the sun is not 365 days it is 365 days and approximately six hours now these six hours is a fraction of a day or a part of the day and you cannot have part of the day in a calendar now for some time in history these six hours were ignored but then they realized that the months started shifting backwards as these six hours accumulated year after year and if you think of it these six hours will accumulate to 24 hours after four years and after 120 years they will accumulate to 30 days that's 30 days that are not accounted for so what's going to happen you're going to have months shifting backwards and they're going to notice that the seasons start to get detached from the months in other words if you were planning on something in spring in march well suddenly spring is going to come year after year it's going to shift towards february so the solution to stop that from happening is what we have today every four years we add one day to the month of february which makes it 29 days instead of 28 days and that happens in what we call a leap year you see these fractions cannot be ignored because they represent an amount of time that is not accounted for thus it has to be added back to the calendar now for all civilizations calendars had one major function the need to mark the time of seasons allah gave us seasons

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and made them the cycles of life in nature and for humans they mark the cycles of agriculture and commerce throughout time even religious occasions have always been linked to seasons throughout history now the lunar months that were used by the arabs the hebrews the chinese base the calculation of a month upon the cycles of the moon to calculate the beginning and end of each month but using lunar months also leaves fractions in its trail you see after calculating 12 months the amount of this fraction is 11 days these 11 days represent the difference between the solar year and the time it takes for 12 lunar months to pass so how did the arabs keep their lunar months attached to the seasons they did that by adding what is known as a leap month every 32 months in other words they waited and waited until these 11 days that fraction of 11 days accumulated into one full month and once that happens they add that month back to the calendar thus the arabic lunar months were always pushed back into seasons it's kind of like a typewriter you know you're typing and as you see the typewriter shifts sideways and you push it backwards you type shift sideways and you push it backwards and perhaps in this post-modern day that we live in we cannot feel the importance of having a calendar that clearly marks the seasons but back then all of agriculture and commerce depended upon knowing where you are amongst the seasons farmers needed to know when to plant their seeds when harvest is going to take place and that's also attached to the merchant caravans and markets that start and end at specific seasons even the quran acknowledges this when it talks about the trip of winter and the trip of summer for the tribes of mecca in fact the only reason none of us are bothered by the history calendar is that none of us are actually using it on a day-to-day basis the only time you know where you are on the history calendar is when the ramadan approaches or when certain religious occasions are going to take place and the reason that we are not using the history calendar is the fact that the months of the history calendar are just arbitrary months that shift across the seasons and have no meaning for us in other words if i say i'm going to come in the month of radio when is it going to come in spring is it going to come in summer is it going to come in winter you have no idea now keeping time has always been based on cycles now let's put technology aside and let's ask ourselves how do we know a full day has passed well if we start from sunrise and we wait until the sun rises again that means a full day has passed how do you know a full month has passed well if you look at the moon and the moon is a full moon and you wait until another full moon comes well that's a sign that a full month has passed but how do we know a full year has passed well you can't do that using the moon because the cycle of the moon only lasts for 30 days you need a clear observable sign to mark the passing of a full year now it can't be based on saying well i'm going to count 12 cycles of the moon to know that a year has passed no it has to be something everybody can see a clear observable sign and this was measured by observing what is called the summer solstice which is the longest day in a year and the winter solstice which is the

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longest night in a year now on these two days the sun reaches its furthest point towards the north or south and this was something that was known by ancient civilizations so this is not something that we just discovered in the last 500 years now these events happen once a year thus they were one of the signs that indicate that a full year has passed during the time of the prophet peace be upon him this leap month was added to the calendar every 32 months thus all the months stayed in season and this is something the arabs learned from the hebrews before islam and the prophet peace be upon him did not change this during the 23 years of the message adding the leap month means the following yes we are using the moon to mark the cycles of months but it means that we are using the sun to mark the change of seasons and this leap month is factoring in the difference between the time it takes to complete 12 lunar months and the time it takes for the earth to complete one rotation around the sun so the first verse we're going to look at in the quran states that allah has made the count of the months 12 months indeed the number of months with allah is 12 months in the register of allah from the day he created the heavens and the earth of these four are sacred that is the correct religion so do not wrong yourselves during them so the question here we ask is why do allah ordain 12 months why not 11 why not 13. the reason is that embedded in ordaining 12 months embedded in that is a link between the earth's rotation around the sun and the time it takes to complete 12 lunar months why because within one rotation of earth around the sun the most number of lunar months you can have is 12 months only and accounting for those 11 days that are left as the difference between the solar year and the 12 lunar months accounting for these 11 days is very important so you might think that well how can we add another month isn't that going to make the number of months 13 well it may look like you're adding a month but in fact you are adding back days that were not accounted for and they should be accounted for or else you will get a calendar that has months that shift across the seasons just like what we have now now let's look at other verses in the holy quran that states this duality between the sun and the moon for accounting for time and keeping track of years he made the night for rest and the sun and moon for calculation this is the determination of the exalted and might the knowing bismillah it is he who made the sun a shining light and the moon a derived light and determined for it phases that you may know the number of years and account for time allah has not created this except in truth he details the signs for people who know of course there's one reservation upon this translation is that it says phases of the moon but the arabic script does not talk about phases of the moon it says and he determined what is called manazip for the moon now what is manaze the place of the moon amongst the constellations of the sky now this is something the arabs knew very well is that they would know where they are in the year according to where the moon was amongst the star constellations and there's a big difference between the phases of the moon and the location of the moon amongst the star constellations and we're going to read in the third verse

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and we have made the night and day two signs and we erased the sign of the night and made the sign of the day visible that you may seek bounty from your lord and know the number of years and the account of time and everything we have set out in detail now these three verses clearly state this duality that exists between the sun and the moon and the need for both of them to keep track of time but what are we doing today we took the sun completely out of the equation in the current history lunar calendar and we are relying solely on the moon and the result of that is you have everything out of balance your months are no longer falling into the seasons and you have lost the capability of actually using this calendar for practical uses in your daily life and the result we now have months that shift across the seasons and thus hardship has followed in fasting and hajj as they went out of their designated seasons and we ended up with a calendar that cannot be used and is not being used now let's look at the meaning of the names of the history months

interestingly enough many of the hijri months have names that describe the seasons that they came in which is another sign that these months did in fact come in certain seasons and did not shift across the seasons now the clearest of these names are the two months of rabia and rabia means spring rabbi means the first spring rabiotani means the second spring these two months come one after another from their name they mark spring in the northern hemisphere of course then comes the two months of jumada the meaning of jumad some translate as frozen but that's not what it means first of all the two months of jumad always come after the spring and you don't have any freezing conditions after spring the actual meaning of jumad means according to arabic dictionaries it's a time of no water or a camel with no milk and they all indicate very low or no rainfall at all which is the description of summer and this makes of course much sense because these two months do indeed follow the two months of spring as we have them today now the other month that has a seasonal meaning is the month of sha'ban shaban means when the tribes separate amongst the narrow pathways in the mountains in search for water in arabic they say which means they seek these narrow pathways and disperse amongst them in search for water then we have the month of ramadan and the month of ramadan the meaning of it it indicates the end of summer the meaning of ramadan comes from the root word of ram and then now the means the first rain that falls upon the hot ground these are the early reigns of autumn and there's even a narration in the seerah of the prophet peace be upon him that the prophet witnessed the night of power laid atul qatar as he was doing sujud amongst mud and water a kind of indication that there was rain during that month now the month that follows is the month of shawwal which means the time for the breeding of camels [Music] which means it's a sign that these camels are ready for meeting now the month of which means comes from the word which means to sit to stay still now this is the time when tribes used to stop traveling and had difficulty in setting up their tents due to the high winds known in this season so as you see many of these months do indeed have

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seasonal names and there's no explanation for them having such names other than the fact that these months were always attached to the seasons and the way that they accomplished that was by adding the leap month to the calendar every 32 months now we have events that were recorded in the quran what does that mean it means that if we can find events that have been recorded in the quran and the conditions of these events were referenced to in the quran then we can go back in time using what we have online today that hatred to the julian or the solar calendar you can convert the two dates with any of these converters online and we can see that if the condition that is mentioned in the quran matches where that month falls so on the solar year in the converter then we can see if they match or not and remember these date converters they do not have the leap month accounted for in other words the equation that was written to convert from one system to another assumes that there is no such thing as a leap month so now let's look at the battle of tabuk the battle of tubuc which took place in the ninth hijri year was recorded in the quran and interestingly enough the verse in the quran mentions the climate in which that battle took place let's read the verse together those who remained behind rejoiced in their staying at home after the departure of the messenger of allah and disliked to strive with their wealth and their lives in the cause of allah and said do not go forth in the heat say the fire of hell is more intensive in heat if they would but understand now the books of tafsir mentioned that this battle took place in the seventh lunar month which is the month of rajab if we go to the online hijri to julian converter to see where was rajab at that time back on to the ninth year of hijra we're going to find out to our surprise that it did not fall in summer it was in fact late october or early november now we know that november is not a time of hate in arabia now what does that mean it means that either the converter is wrong or the quran is wrong and i think none of us are going to say that the quran is wrong in describing the climate of this battle but there is something wrong and something missing in the history converter and that missing thing is the fact that there is no leap month accounted for and that leap month was clearly being used at the time of the prophet peace be upon him and it also indicates that the month of rajab does indeed fall in the midst of summer which makes perfect sense because you have rabbi rabbi orthani the two months of spring then you have jumada and buddha the two months that are the beginning of summer and you have then rajab which comes in the midst of summer which is usually around the time of august now fast forward six years ahead so on the fifteenth year of the battle of yarmouk took place and this was a significant battle that took place between the muslims and the romans the interesting thing about this battle is that both the muslims recorded its date and the romans recorded its state so let's see how they match the muslims recorded that this battle took place on the 15th year of hijra in the month of rajab as we said the month of rajab is the seventh lunar month the romans recorded this battle to take place in the month of august so once again here you see the month of rajab falls in the midst of summer if

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the lunar months were shifting across the seasons no way it would fall in summer because only six years ago rajab was still in summer six years past and it's still in summer so that means the lunar calendar still had that late month being added to it which kept the month of rajab attached to the summer season now let's take a look at the battle of bitter the battle of badr took place on the second year of hijra and it's well documented that this battle took place around the returning time of the summer caravan of the tribes of mecca that were returning from shang which is syria today now these caravans they return from their summer trip and they're full of raisins and these caravans are known to return in autumn now the date of this battle is documented to have taken place on the 17th of ramadan on the second year of al-hidra now let's go again to our online converter and see where that falls according to the solar year and you will find that it's going to fall in the month of march which is not by any means the time for the return of the caravan that was led by abu sufyan at the time it's not the time for that caravan to return the caravan of summer returns only in autumn now that's another indication that ramadan used to take place in autumn and in fact the verse of the quran that talks about this battle also indicates that rain fell during this battle now i'm sure many are going to ask about why did the muslims stop adding this month there is a verse in the quran that is the verse of nasi now this verse talks about something called el nisi the act of nasi which is the act of postponing this act is increased disbelief but that verse actually does not mention that it's talking about correcting the calendar or adding the leap month it's talking about an act that the disbelievers used to do which that lead them astray and that act is the manipulation of what is called the sacred forbidden months now as we read in one of the verses that we displayed earlier is that allah ordained that there are 12 months and four of these months are forbidden months now this concept of having forbidden months might seem strange right now because nobody's observing them but the quran mentions that these forbidden months are months in which hunting is forbidden on land and the reason for that is that these months do in fact fall within the time of animal breeding so these forbidden months were actually legislated to protect wild life thus these forbidden months did in fact have a season now that verse of nasi that many interpret as allah saying that it's forbidden to correct the calendar has nothing to do with correcting the calendar when you read the verse you will see that it's talking about making one month that is sacred and forbidden making it not forbidden in other words they are transgressing upon those forbidden months and that's what the verse is talking about so in conclusion these evidence that we displayed are evidence from history from the quran from the seerah of the prophet peace be upon him and from the names of the months and logical reasoning all of these evidence they come together to put kind of a puzzle back together to paint a picture of how the lunar months were at the time of the prophet peace be upon him so we saw from putting the evidence together that the hijri months were months that did not shift across the seasons and were in fact attached to

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the seasons that means that the moon of ramadan will always be born around the time of the equinox which is the time when day equals night and the earth has no winter nor summer not in the northern hemisphere nor in the southern hemisphere you're going to have a very moderate climate all over the earth in other words the moon that is born between the month of september and october is usually the moon of the month of ramadan now when ramadan comes at that time of the year people all over the earth will fast equal hours around 11 to 13 hours and everybody will fast in a moderate climate it's not too hot it's not too cold anywhere not in the northern hemisphere nor in the southern hemisphere you will not get cases like in the uk where muslims break their fast at 10 o'clock p.m and they have to start their fast again because fajr is at 2 am which leaves them only four hours and remember ramadan is not just about fasting it's about learning it's about reading the quran it's about the hatred and many of these acts take place at night and how can you do that when you only have four hours and this is not even the most extreme case you have some countries further up north where the sun doesn't even set and these long hours in fasting they cause people to be sluggish low in productivity and let alone some might have physical ailments because of these long hours especially when they can't drink water for 20 hours all of that while people in australia might be fasting only for eight hours so you see there's a grave imbalance that's taking place and all of these fetwas that have come from scholars trying to fix this problem of people living in countries where the sun doesn't sit or the fast is extremely long all of these fetwas they are nothing but patchwork and the religion of allah does not need patchwork and whenever you have to patch things up trying to correct something that allah has ordained that means that this is not how allah intended it to be and when you see such hardship and such discomfort then this is not from allah and imam ali has a beautiful saying that kind of describes this in which he said or did allah reveal a religion with shortcomings and asked for people to mend it or were they partners with allah so that it was for them to legislate and for allah to accept or did allah reveal a complete religion and the prophet peace be upon him didn't fully deliver it and allah says in the quran we have not neglected in the register a thing and if you say that you know you're trying to find the easy way out by wanting ramadan to come in autumn and disliking it to come in summer well let me remind you what allah says in the quran allah intends for you ease and does not intend for you hardship and keep in mind that this verse was revealed specifically about fasting and fasting in a temperature that exceeds 45 degrees and in some countries 50 or fasting for 20 hours is nothing but hardship and this is not how allah intended it of course the question that is asked is when and why did the muslims stop adding the sleep month the studies on this are limited of course but one research came to the conclusion that it was most likely stopped in the time of omar in the 17th hijr year but the other opinion is that this is something that took place when the umayyads came to power with all the evil that came with their rule thus not observing the calendar

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is not a far off possibility now why was it stopped was it a misguided interpretation of the nasi verse or was it a deliberate attempt allah knows best but what is important for us to know today is that it was stopped at one time or another and what is really important for us is to know that this sleep month was active in the time of the prophet peace be upon him i'm sure many of you are going to ask but how can this be how can the majority be wrong because many muslims are going to say it's impossible for this ummah to go astray when the prophet peace be upon him said that my ummah will never gather upon misguidance my brothers and sisters now this is a saying that is made up to serve the political climate of the time when these hadiths or so-called hadiths were written why do i say they were made up because they do in fact go against the quran because the quran always talks about the majority in a negative light now look you can scan all the verses of the quran where it says most people and you're going to find something negative after it most people do not know most people do not think so this ummah can gather upon misguidance and believing in that so-called hadith and ignoring the quran is a sort of self-righteousness that is taking place in this um and it's stopping everyone from critical thinking and you know the quran documents the hardship that the prophet peace be upon him endured from the muslims themselves if you don't believe that read the quran again it wasn't easy for him and when you know that do not be surprised that things got derailed after his passing but this is a topic for another time and we will talk about it inshallah so the solution where do we go from here what can we do now now correcting the calendar is usually an act of governance but until then if you found the evidence that are presented here convincing try to read more about it try to research try to ask about it and think for yourself change starts with each and every one of us but simply put the moon of the month of ramadan is the moon that is born after the equinox or around the equinox which is like between the mid september and october and when this leap month is reintroduced it'll solve the problem of fasting in harsh climates it'll even solve the problem of doing hajj in the wrong season because hajj always takes place in the winter it never took place in the midst of summer nobody used to go out for hajj in the blazing heat of the arabia desert and keep in mind that hajj was something that was taking place even before islam and the arabs were not to go and perform hajj in the midst of july or august so how is this leap month reintroduced the good thing is is that there were people working on this and we have the muslim researcher and thinker wissam adeem ishaq has worked extensively on reintroducing and accurately putting back the leap month back into the hijri calendar and he has worked on a calendar that inshallah i will point in the description and this calendar dates back to the year 500 ac all the way up to the year 2100 you'll see uh all of the beginning and the end of all the lunar months and where they fall with the solar year and i owe the majority of this research to him and to other thinkers whose names i will mention below as well so special thanks for them now a question might be asked is are we going to stop using the moon

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according to what you're saying are we going to stop using the moon to know that this is the beginning of the month of ramadan not at all we are going to continue observing the moon but when you observe the moon you have to know which moon are you in fact looking at so for example today is the 21st of september which happens to be the equinox the day where night equals day in the northern hemisphere and in the southern hemisphere and ramadan the moon of ramadan was actually born according to the corrected hijri calendar on the 18th of september only two days ago and you might be asking well are you fasting now yes indeed i am fasting because i happen to believe that this is the month of ramadan the way it was at the time of the prophet peace be upon him this video was recorded in 2020 when ramadan according to the non-corrected hijri calendar started it was actually the month of spring you look all around you it's spring it's not the month of ramadan it's the month of rabia and the beautiful thing about spring is that is the time of the birth of the prophet peace be upon him so whenever you start seeing the flowers blooming in spring that is when the prophet peace be upon him was born now i know this can be shocking information i'm sure many are going to reject it but for those who are convinced that there is something wrong in the history calendar and they say okay well okay so we're convinced are we going to now start fasting all by ourselves when everybody else is not fasting the actual question is this who are we fasting for we are fasting for allah that shouldn't be a problem but if we're fasting for the community the whole vibes of ramadan they feel well that's a different story and if anything let this information be a wake-up call for the many who think that muslims in the early time of the message were infallible people walking the earth most of the stories you hear that's coming from the history of islam are nothing but fairy tales put together by the politics of the time and the aim was to derail this message of the prophet of mercy peace be upon him and this derailment happened to all religions it's a continuing story but the things that we muslims have going for us is the preservation of the quran in spite of all the different sects in islam the different schools of thought we all have only one quran one version of the holy book and this book is amongst us providing guidance assuming that we treat it with respect and treat it as the first source rather than as a secondary source but as we said we will talk about this topic in other videos and my brothers and sisters the goal of this video is not to cause differences but it is to seek the truth however uncomfortable that truth could be we're all on this journey together and we cannot put our heads in the sand because something is uncomfortable so in the end thank you for watching uh thank you for your time please keep your comments respectful this channel is not sponsored nor does it have ads subscribe if you want to hear more such videos as i will be posting in both english and arabic peace be upon you salaam alaikum

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